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JULY PROGRAMS AT N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Before air-conditioning, North Carolinians had innovative ways to survive summer's sizzling heat: iceboxes, swimming holes and other cool comforts. In July at the **N.C. Museum of History** in Raleigh, two children's programs will focus on old-fashioned ways folks used to beat the heat.

Adults can take advantage of a variety of July programs, such as History à la Carte: Making the Twin City. During this lunchtime lecture, hear about the formation of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. July's Artist at Work will be Andy Sterlen, a self-taught tailor who re-creates clothing from the Georgian, Victorian and early Edwardian eras (1750s-1920s). Watch him make an 18th-century gentleman's coat.

Mark your calendar for all this and more at the N.C. Museum of History.

Admission is free unless otherwise noted. Parking is free on weekends.

PLEASE NOTE: The Museum of History will be **closed Independence Day, July 4.**

PROGRAMS

[Editors: Please include registration information when applicable.]

***Time for Tots: Look at Lighthouses**

Tuesdays, July 1 and 8, 10-10:45 a.m.

Ages 3-5 (with adult)

\$1 per child

To register, call 919-807-7992.

Learn about North Carolina's amazing lighthouses, and make your own beacon of light to take home.

***History Corner: Beat the Heat!**

Wednesday, July 2, 10-11 a.m.

Ages 6-9 (with adult)

\$1 per child

To register, call 919-807-7992.

How did folks keep cool before air conditioners and swimming pools? Discover old-fashioned ways to beat the heat!

***History Hunters: Hot Enough for Ya?**

Wednesday, July 2, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Ages 10-13

\$1 per child

To register, call 919-807-7992.

What do porches, wells and swimming holes have in common? Find out as we investigate southern summers before electricity.

***Storytime in the Gallery**

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; 10-10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 and up (with adult)

Meet a staff member at the information desk and follow your guide to one of the museum galleries. There, you can look around and listen to a history-related story.

History à la Carte: Making the Twin City

Wednesday, July 9, noon-1 p.m.

Bring your lunch; beverages provided.

Chris Jordan, Director, Education and Programming, New Winston Museum

Jordan will briefly outline the events and key characters that led to the creation of Forsyth County, the establishment of Winston in Salem's backyard, and the six decades of enormous growth prior to official consolidation in 1913.

Artist at Work: Andy Sterlen

Saturday, July 12, noon-3 p.m. (drop-in program)

Sterlen, a self-taught tailor who re-creates clothing from the Georgian, Victorian and early Edwardian eras (1750s-1920s), will be working on the most visible part of an 18th-century gentleman's wardrobe — a coat.

***Make It, Take It: Sew a Stitch**

Saturday, July 12, noon-3 p.m. (drop-in program)

Watch Andy Sterlen create historic costumes during his Artist at Work program, then learn to stitch a patch or sew on a button yourself.

***Pirates, Ahoy!**

Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.-noon

Ages 5-8 (with adult)

\$10 per child; \$8, museum members

Space is limited; to register, call 919-807-7992.

Calling all buccaneers! Set sail for the museum to hear tales about Blackbeard and other seafarers and to make crafts. You might even challenge a real pirate to a sword fight.

Saturdays in the Garden

Saturday, July 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join the museum's garden staff for an informal tour of the *History of the Harvest* exhibit along Bicentennial Plaza and see what's going on out there! Tours begin at the information desk in the lobby.

The outdoor chronological exhibit connects North Carolina's agricultural past with today's cutting-edge research and development by universities and companies such as Syngenta.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access www.ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

*** marks programs of interest to children or families**

IMAGE CAPTIONS

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About the N.C. Museum of History

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 300,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

About the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Cultural Resources (NCDCCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's cultural resources to build the social, cultural and economic future of North Carolina. Led by Secretary Susan W. Kluttz, NCDCCR's mission to enrich lives and communities creates opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history and libraries in North Carolina that will spark creativity, stimulate learning, preserve the state's history and promote the creative economy. NCDCCR was the first state organization in the nation to include all agencies for arts and culture under one umbrella.

Through arts efforts led by the N.C. Arts Council, the N.C. Symphony and the N.C. Museum of Art, NCDCCR offers the opportunity for enriching arts education for young and old alike and economic stimulus engines for our state's communities. NCDCCR's Divisions of Archives and Records, State Historic Sites, and State History Museums preserve, document and interpret North Carolina's rich cultural heritage. NCDCCR's State Library of North Carolina is the principal library of state government and builds the capacity of all libraries in our state, developing and supporting access to traditional and online collections such as genealogy and resources for the blind and physically handicapped.

NCDCCR annually serves more than 19 million people through its 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, the nation's first state-supported symphony orchestra, the State Library, the N.C. Arts Council and the State Archives of North Carolina. NCDCCR champions our state's creative industry that accounts for more than 300,000 jobs and generates nearly \$18.5 billion in revenues. For more information, please call [919-807-7300](tel:919-807-7300) or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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